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SUBJECT: UNIVERSITY BACK TO NORMAL

REF: PORT MORESBY 715

1. UNIVERSITY OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA (UPNG) STUDENTS RETURNED TO CLASSES MAY 22 FOLLOWING FIVE DAYS OF SPORADIC NEGOTIATIONS AND SUSPENSIONS OF DEADLINES BY BOTH SIDES. NEITHER ADMINISTRATION NOR STUDENTS STOOD FIRM ON ALL ISSUES. UNDER AGREEMENT REACHED, TOLIMAN'S TWO YEAR SUSPENSION STANDS AND STUDENTS RETURN TO CLASSES. STUDENTS WON SOME CONCESSIONS. NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS WILL NOT BE WITHDRAWN, STUDENTS INVOLVED IN VIOLENCE WILL NOT BE SANCTIONED EXCEPT BY COURT IF MAGISTRATE FINDS THEM GUILTY AND FUTURE DISPUTES WHICH UNIVERSITY COUNCIL UNABLE RESOLVE TO PARTIES'S SATISFACTION WILL BE REFERRED TO COMMISSION ON INQUIRY TO BE NAMED BY EDUCATION MINISTER. FINALLY, A COMMISSION OF INQUIRY, HEADED BY OMBUDSMAN COMMISSIONER MAINO WILL INVESTIGATE ALL ASPECTS OF RECENT DISTURBANCES.

2. PRIME MINISTER SOMARE HAS BEEN UNDER ATTACK ON ONE SIDE FOR NOT BEING TOUGH ENOUGH AND FOR FAILING TO MAKE  
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GOOD HIS THREATS. ON THE OTHER SIDE, PARLIAMENTARY OPPOSITION LEADER OKUK AND OTHERS CHARGE THAT HE MISHANDLED THE SITUATION THROUGHOUT, WAS TOO TOUGH ON STUDENTS AND, AS ACTING MINISTER FOR POLICE, WAS ULTIMATELY RESPONSIBLE FOR ALLEGED POLICE BRUTALITY. OKUK HAS PROMISED TO RAISE THE UNIVERSITY SITUATION IN PARLIAMENT, WHICH BEGINS THREE WEEK SESSION

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